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#### Cadet Of The Week



John S. Young (Story On Page Two)

## School Heads Fete Members Football Squads

Friday evening, Dec. 1, marked the official end of the 1939 football season, when our principals, Col. T. J. Roller and Major C. S. Roller, Jr., gave their annual banquet in honor of the football squads. A most sumptuous repast was prepared by Lt. Fontaine and his staff.

At the conclusion of the dinner Major Roller presented to the members of the Peep football team a minor letter for their excellent record this season. The receipients of these emblems were: Rich, Elliott, Renton, Haley, Kline, H. Walker, Pendleton, Workman, Rubin, L. Coote, Garrett, Minor, Higgins, Hunt, Haw, and Lloyd.

Shortly thereafter Major Deane presented letters to the varsity squad: Watters, J. Adams, H. Adams, Goodmon, Disney, Churchill, Freixas, D'Amore, Staples, Rachek, Krysiak, Stupelli, Bell, Stultz, Nichols, Hamilton, Spencer, N. L. Adams, Marks, Lane, Hodges, Young, Cabaniss, Langhorne, and Manager Gittens.

Following the speeches by the varsity coaching staff the occasion came to a close.

## Y. M. C. A. Newsettes

Mrs. Annia Roach recently gave an ice cream party for the members of the "Y". To this very kind lady we express our sincere thanks.

The last regular meeting of the "Y" was in the form of a "pep" meeting for the annual A. M. A.—F. M. S. football game. Talks by the varsity coaches and the Co-Captains, intermingled with school songs and yells featured the gathering.

#### November Honor Roll

Adam, W. (2)

Aguilera, L. (2) Bean, R. (2) Bolling (2) Brown (2) Ellenberger (2) Garner (1) Haw (1) Horine (1) Jones, K. M. (2) Krysiak (2) Lafon (2) Lane (2) Lipp, R. (2) McClelland (2) McKenzie (2) Marks (2) Minor (2) Montgomery (2) Morrison (2) Pendleton (2) Richey (2) Stanley, C. (1) Walker (2) White (2)

Number at right of name indicates number of months on Honor Roll.

## Mitmen Prospects Promising

With the football season concluded a large number of fellows have turned out for their chances in the "square ring."

Veteran lettermen from last year's squad are: Allman, K. Coote, Guerrant, Knox, Blumberg, Dickerson, and Watters.

Newcomers with promise this year include: Hodges (120), Workman, Spencer, Cabaniss and Craft (127), J. Adams, Kline and Hamilton (135), Bowers (145), Stupelli and Hartley (155), Nichols (165), and D'Amore and Young in the unlimited class.

Head Coach McCue assisted by Lt. Schmidt are hard at work whipping their men into shape.

The schedule for this season will be released soon. The team needs your support, so let's have some more candidates. Last year's team lost but one match—that to SMA. So let us have this slogan. "Nothing but victories this year."

## Alumni Notes

Over the week end of November 25, Tom Carter, John Hackney, and E. B. Johnson, all of the class of "39", paid due respects to their "almamater."

Our Thanksgiving week-end saw Bob Dudroe of "32", V. P. Leavel of "38", and Zeb Hume, Pete Hopkins, Edward Johnson, Joe Wilson, Jack Kennedy, McCausland, Mickey Gordon and John Hackney of "39".

#### Foil And Saber

The response to the call for fencing candidates has been fairly good. A few of the cadets, Walker H., Murchison, Pendleton, Haw, Werth, and McClelland are very promising varsity material. Cadets new to the sport who show an aptitude are Brenizer, Haley, Behrendt, D. Stanley, Horine, Lockwood, Raleigh, Brown, Kahn, and Gittens. Practice is now being held regularly and a tentative meet with U. of N. C. Frosh is awaiting Major Roller's approval.

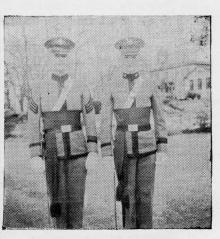
#### The Glee Club

The Augusta Glee Club under the direction of Capt. Martin Manch has been practising regularly for the past three weeks in preparation for a much-hoped-for series of concerts. The following cadets have successfully met the requirements for membership in this organization: Gittens, Arone, Bowman, Craft, Furber, Georger, Garrett, Horine, Haley, Linstone, Lockwood, Murchison, A. Mitchell, Mizell, Pendleton, Reiter, Sindlinger, Taylor, Wilson. It is hoped that more cadets will come out for this activity. How about it, fellow Cadets?

## A. M. A. Orchestra Reorganized

Under the able guidance of Capt. Manch and John Grow, a cadet orchestra, long discontinued at A. M. A., is being reorganized. Rehearsals are now under way with the following cadets playing instruments: Goodman and Lackey, trumphets; Bowman, Austin, Kline and Reiter, saxes; Behrendt and Nichols, trombones; Murchison on piano and vibraphone; Pendleton, bass; and Hodges at the drums. Cadet Grow will lead.

## Two Outstanding Co. Capts.



First Capt. John S. Young Second Captain Henry Watters

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#### WARNING

Due to many circumstances beyond our control it may be necessary to cease publication of the Bayonet. Financially, the paper will, if it continues to be published, end the year deep in the red and at the expense of one person who certainly should be the last one expected to foot the bills. The staff is going to do its best to keep the paper going but we need the full support, in every possible way, of the school and the Cadet Corps. If the worst comes, remember we tried to do our best.

### Be A Man

The first impression the reader will gain from the heading is that this article will be devoted solely to putting backbone in the cowards and confidence in the timid. Well, in a way, it's both, but the purpose lies more in the mental bravery than in the physical.

We have, 'tis true, many more younger boys here now than ever before; but this is a school for young men. Thus, 'tho they be younger, they too, must be young men.

There is now a condition existing in our Corps that never before was even thought of, and that is our habit of whining, complaining or giving evasive statements so as to escape penalty for a breach of discipline. We have another name for it which would not, I am sure, be approved for print.

Quibbling, evasive statements, technicalities in order to shield guilt or defeat the ends of justice will not be tolerated. The code of the soldier or, if you will have it, the man, demands courageous and fearless hon-

This condition has to be overcome.

esty in setting forth the truth, regardless of the consequences.

We all do wrong, and I do mean all. No one is perfect. The courage of our convictions is something we must build up in our own society.

If you are caught in a wrong, take the advantage of the situation by learning, but don't whine to evade punishment. Tell the truth and take it like a man.

### On And Off The Stoop

Say Danny, is she really worth all your troubles? We'll admit, she does have pretty blue eyes.

When one of our new cadets, a basketball player, saw the title of our school song, he asked, "who" it was.

Ask the boys in 212 what it feels like to be chased under the table at the Post Exchange.

What fifth year cadet said he didn't know that he was sending a bid to a "Mrs." Oh yeah? We wonder.

Some of the Stauntonettes have caused some discord with their fellows because of their many escorts.

What certain football team joined the long list of unheralded and unsung heroes? (Remember the football banquet.)

It seems that "Ham" had on more war paint than Mille when the lights came on in the show a couple of Saturday nights ago. In fact poor Ham was so red with "paint" and embarassment that no one noticed Ray and his scarlet countenance.

Speaking of Ray, our parade was almost completely disrupted by a certain blonde wishing him good-bye.

Also speaking of disrupting the school, an old alumnus almost disrupted a couple of our cadets but they happened to be virtuous, we hope.

Wanderlust has taken our boys by storm lately. It doesn't pay, though, unless you at least get a good breakfast during your travels.

Our glamour boys are finally catching on to the M. B. C. gals, thank goodness. No stuff, fellows—truth is an exception rather than the rule, up "on the hill."

We finally ended up the season a bit worse for the wear and much smarter concerning the athletic policies of our neighboring "Prep Schools"—We are wondering if they are preparing for Pitt or Duke.

A lot of sad faces were seen at the broadcast of the Army-Navy game scores. It couldn't be that some Army brats actually thought that Army was going to win?

Didn't Joe Wasco have enough strength to lift the flag to full mast the other morning or was it ill effects from something?

We notice a car missing in the faculty fleet! Oh where, oh where can my Plymouth be?

All are very happy that nothing unusual happened or nothing was partaken of during our recent Thanksgiving day???

Alarming situations develop when a faculty and a cadet date the same girl. The poor cadets are at a disadvantage.

Finally some of our old friends came through with some fireworks. I wonder who?

Have you seen the two ringers who excell in shoveling coal? Could it be that they had too many reports?

What fifth year cadet, 2nd looie thinks "Home on the Range" is a very merry and beautiful Christmas Carol?

# Basketball Prospects Good For 1940 Season

The outlook for A. M. A.'s 1940 basketball team is more promising this year than it has been in the past several seasons.

With five letter men returning from last years squad aided by some very promising new material and under the able coaching of Lt. Jones and Lt. Craft, the team is looking forward to a highly successful season.

Those who received letters for last years work are Frexias, Granda Disney, Skeeter Hodges, Marks, and Bob Churchill. Other cadets who played last year and who will probably see action this year are White and Lloyd, both of last year's Junior varsity squad. Promising candidates among the new cadets are Racheck, Krysiak, Livick, Plecker, and Staples.

## Swimming Team Prospects

Building its hopes around seven lettermen from last year's squad and some very promising new material, the natators will undoubtedly have a highly successful season, barring injuries and sickness.

The squad will be led by its captain, Cadet Norris, and ably coached by Major Deane. The lettermen include: L. Aguilera, W. Adams, Redgrave, F. Netherwood, Walsh, and Walfe. These cadets will be strongly asisted by R. Jones, J. Smathers, Frank, Bell, and Garner. Cadet Billy Knox will be manager of the team.

## Thanksgiving Dances

The annual Thanksgiving Dance was held Friday evening in Memorial Gym. This colorful affair was one of the most successful ever held. Music for the occasion was furnished by E. T. Strickland. His arrangements for fast music were by Artie Shaw, while those for smooth music were by Glenn Miller. In keeping with the season the decorations were corn stalks and pumpkins.

The following night the informal was held with music being furnished by the "jeep".

# Cadet Of The Week

John S. Young

Cadet Young was born in Baltimore and lived there for twelve years until his parents moved to Lynchburg, Va. Having always had a great desire to attend a military school, he chose Augusta. He was entered in the Junior department where he remained for two years. In the upper school he was made a Corporal in Co. "A". A year later he was appointed a First Captain in Co. "C". Last year he was again Captain and Adjutant. This year he is First Captain. His work as a member of many organizations, athletic as well as academic and extra-curricular is too well known for further resume in this column. in all John is one of the finest men the writer has ever met or known.

### SPORTS

#### AUGUSTA DOWNS MILLER SCHOOL

Sparked by the sterling play of big Richard Disney, Augusta trampied a lighter, but spirited Miller School team, twenty seven to nothing for its first victory of the season.

Augusta scored in every quarter, treating their guests in much the same way that they had been treated.

Although Disney played the best ball that has been seen here this year, the entire team paved the way for three individual touchdowns, equaling the modern standing record for such in this school.

"Diz" carried the ball thirteen times from scrimmage and gained 109 yards, an average of eight and one half yards per play.

Augusta had a big edge in statistics, rolling up thirteen first downs to Miller's three, and gaining 285 yards to Miller's fifty-nine.

Miller School made only one real scoring threat and that came to naught when Rachek blocked an attempted field goal in fourth quarter.

The lineup was: Watters, Goodman, D'Amore, Spencer, Hamilton, Frexias, Rachek, Bell, Disney, Krysiak, Staples. Substitutes: Hodges, Roberts, J., Young, Stultz, Cabaniss, Adams, N., Marks, Nichols, Langhorne, Lane, Churchill, Higgins.

#### FISHBURNE DEFEATS AUGUSTA

Unleashing a powerful running attack sparked by a quartet of backs, Fishburne ran roughshod over a spirited, but weaker AMA eleven. FMS tallied once in every period but the third when they crossed the goal line twice

Standing head and shoulders above his mates on the offense was Richard Disney, whose long, end over end punts consistently stopped serious threats by FMS. The first Garnet and Gold score came shortly after the game began when Gregory plunged off tackle from the eleven yard line. AMA received on the next play and started an offensive, when the passing combination of Krysiak to Disney, clicked to send AMA forty yards to the Fishburne thirty. On the next play FMS intercepted one of our passes. On the next play Menges of FMS made a long run but was driven out of bounds on our twenty. FMS fumbled at this stage and Disney kicked out of danger. Just before the half ended, Disney, on his own ten yard line, punted a long ball over FMS thirty which play stopped all threats for the period.

In the closing minutes of the third quarter AMA's star passer brought the crowd to their feet by hurling a fifty yard pass to Hodges who juggled the ball and then dropped it after maneuvering his way into the clear. Hodges caught the ball and had it jump out of his hands six times as the spectators went into a fenzy before the ball finally eluded his grasp. The lineup for AMA was Goodmon, D'Amore, Spencer, Watters, Hamilton, Freixas, Rachek, Bell, Disney, Krysiak, and Staples.

#### INTRA-MURAL SPORTS

As the paper goes to press the following men have reached the final and semi-finals, and several wrestlers have won the medal in their weight.

In Junior Boxing the results are as follows: 90 lb. class the winner of the Llanso-Banks bout will meet the winner of Middleton—Thomas bout; 100 lb. class-Parker wili box Lyons; 110 lb. class winner of Stanley, C—Farber bout takes on winner of Keller-Harrison match; unlimited class—the winner of W. Netherwood-Ingram bout will meet winner of the Taylor-Wilson bout.

In the Junior Wrestling the results are as follows: Middleton will wrestle Llanso for the 90 lb. title. In the 100 lb. class Lyons will meet Pultzk. Coote has already won his title in the 110 lb. class; in the unlimited class the winer of the Ingram-Mizell match will meet the winner of the Furber-Horine bout.

In the senior division: 120 lbs. winner of the Hodges-Lam match meets the winer of the Payne-Boxley match; 127 lbs. Ellenberger meets Blumberg for the medal; the victor in the Lloyd-Craft match meets Lindstone for the title; in the 145 lb. class the winner of the Dickerson-Adams J meets Bell; 155 lb. Watters vs. Wolf; 175 lb. class winer of the Black-Stultz meets L. Coote; J. Young of the unlimited class meets the winner of the Freixas-D'Amore bout.

In the senior boxing the set-up is: 120 lb. R. Powell vs Hodges; 135 lb. class winer of the Spencer-Craft bout versus Cabaniss; 145 lb. class J. Adams meets Bell; 155 lb. class Stupelli vs. Hutchinson; 175 lb. class J. D. Smathers meets L. Coote; in the unlimited class the winner of the Gleason-Freixas bout meets D'Amore.

Those who played for AMA were Guerrant, L. Mitchell, Dermody, Linstone, Bundschu, Horine, Wilson, Raleigh, Lam, Ellenberger, K. M. Jones, Craft, R. Powell, Allman.

#### Peeps Lose Close One To F. M. S.

On Monday, November 27, Peeps closed their 1939 season, dropping a close 7-6 game to the Fishburne Junior Varsity. The game was a see-saw struggle throughout, Fishburne showing a superior running attack while Augusta relied on its versatile passers, Blumberg and Bell for their yardage. Early in the second period Fishburne scored on a sweep around right end after having been held for three downs inside of the Peeps 1 yd. line. This same period furnished another thrill when, standing on his own forty yard line, Bell threw a twenty yard pass to Blumberg who sprinted the remaining forty yards to cross the Fishburne goal, however the play was called back on a penalty. A. M. A came back in the second half to hold the Fishburne backs to a net loss it yardage while a reverse sweep ending in a pass form Blumberg to Haley scored A. M. A.'s six points. The attempt for the tieing point failed when Fishburne grounded Blumberg's pass. The closing minutes of the game was a barage of Peep passes that carried the 150 pounders to the Fishbourne 10 where the game ended.

The lineup was Rich, Elliott, Renton, Haley, Kline, Walker H., Pendleton, Workman, Rubin, L. Coote, Garrett, Minor, N. L. Adams, Higgins, Hunt, Haw, Bell, Lloyd, and Blumberg.

#### AMA Juniors Defeat Fishburne

For the second time this month the Minnows defeated Fishburne in the game that marked the end of a successful season. Fishburne elected to receive and after making no head way for three downs punted to Craft who made a nice return. Playing heads up football and every man doing his best, the Juniors started a drive that netted the first tally with Craft passing to Guerrant who scampered fifteen yards for six points. In the next quarter there was a repetition of the first, and upon receiving possession of the ball, mingling line plunges with the beautiful passing of Craft we reached the ten yard stripe where K. M. Jones plunged through for the second tally. The extra point was made good by a pass to Jones from Craft. In the third quarter after stopping many threats on part of FMS, we drove down to the FMS twenty where Craft on an end run scored our final tally of the game. The prettiest run ever seen around these parts came in the middle of the fourth quarter when Wilson intercepted a pass on his forty and crisscrossed his way from one side of the field to the other to cross the goal line standing, only to have the score nullified by a penalty for holding on the part of an AMA man. Those who played for AMA were Guerrant, L. Mitchell, Dermody, Linstone, Bundschu, Horine, Wilson, Jones, Craft, R. Powell, Allman.

### Do You Know That

Some of the best football teams ever turned out at A. M. A. were coached by either Major Roller or Major Dean?

Cadets Bell and Frank are National Junior A. A. U. swimming Cham-

Cadet Bell is a Champion wrestler in his class?

When Capt. Yarborough lived in Richmond he was considered the best dressed man in town?

Half of the married couples are women?

There is a labyrinth of rooms under the courtyard?

Cadet Workman has been South Atlantic Prep School champion boxer in the 127 lb. class for the past two years?

Lt. Fontaine, while he was in the Marine Corps, was 145 pound boxing champion?

Lt. Worsham was graduated first in his class at V. M. I.?

Capt. House was All-Southern quarterback and was also mentioned for All-Amercan honors?

There were more entrants for the Intra-Murals in swimming than any other sport? That Fencing came in second place?

E. T. Strickland (the orchestra leader of the Thanksgiving Dance Band) used to play first clarinet for Artie Shaw until a month ago when the Shaw band was disbanded?

#### Basketball Schedule

January 15 Hargrave M. A. ..... Chatham January 20 Randolph Macon A. ..... Front Royal January 27 Fishburne M. S. ..... Augusta January 29 Staunton M. A. ..... Staunton February 3 Shenandoah College ...... Dayton February 7 Randolph Macon A. ..... Augusta February 9 Staunton M. A. ..... Augusta February 19 Shenandoh College ...... Augusta February 21 Virginia Episcopal ..... Lynchburg February 28 Fishburne M. S. ..... Waynesboro March 2

Fork Union M. A. ..... Augusta

## Swimming Schedule

January 27
U. of Va Charlottesville
February 6
W. and L. U Home
February 10
Woodrow Wilson Hi Home
February 16
Fishburne M. S Waynesboro
February 17
Randolph Macon A Home
February 24
Staunton M. A Staunton
February 26
Randolph Macon A Front Royal
March 2
Fishburne M. S Home

## Misery! Misery!

For three weeks the corps was very much under the weather with Roller and Miss McCormick finally a slight attack of intestinal grippe. stamped out the epidemic which

classes and other activities. The football team as well as the grades of many cadets was seriously handicapped. By persistent efforts, Doctor Very few were those who didn't miss made many extremely uncomfortable.

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